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Police to conduct internal review over handling of Goldberg case

## PARENTS WAIT FOR ANSWERS

By Paul Giles

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ESSEX Police has apologised to the parents of children at Thorpe Hall School for a delay in investigating allegations the deputy head, Martin Goldberg, was secretly filming children in the changing rooms.

A letter from Assistant Chief Constable Maurice Mason – on behalf of the chief constable – has been sent to all parents and officers are in the process of meeting parents of three children identified from images recorded.

Mr Mason said police were still working to establish the full facts how information was dealt with when it was received back in November, 2013.

He said: “Unfortunately this means we do not have all the answers but, whatever the reasons, the delay in dealing with Mr Goldberg’s case would have caused families affected additional distress and I apologise for it.

“This matter has been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission and we are awaiting their decision as to whether Essex Police involvement in this case will be independently investigated by them.

“While the investigation is continuing we are subject to restrictions on the depth of detail that we can disclose, however, I firmly believe that parents at the school and the wider community should be provided with as full an explanation as I can prove at this time.”

The letter to the families included details of the history of the case and how police dealt with the information they were handed and the fact that the Chief Constable of Essex Police, Stephen Kavanagh had ordered an urgent internal review.

The purpose of the review is to identify the steps required to address any organisational issues.

An immediate change that has already happened is that officers carrying out intelligence will now conduct an additional employment vetting check at the front end of the process in order that occupation can be properly determined when a referral is handed to the force.

Mr Mason said: “I am determined to establish as quickly as possible the full reasons for the decision not to progress the investigation of Mr

Goldberg any sooner.

“It is my initial assessment that the delay was a result of Mr Goldberg’s case being considered as a lower risk than cases of child abuse by other potential offenders.

“The need for prioritisation is unfortunate but necessary due to the large amount of work referred to the Police Online Investigation Team.

“I am sorry that Essex Police did not react sooner to the information provided by the National Crime Agency concerning Mr Goldberg.”

Essex Police have set up a special helpline for anyone concerned about the case.

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# Roundabout to be upgraded

THE next steps to £4.7m upgrade to a major junction on the A127 have been announced by Southend Council.

The upgrade to the roundabout of the junction of the A127 and B1013, known as the Tesco roundabout, will support Southend and Rochford council's ambition to create 7,380 new jobs in the area around Southend Airport.

Earlier this year the council secured a £3.3m grant from the Department of Transport (DFT) Local Pinch Point Fund towards the work. The remaining cost of £1.4m will be met by Southend Council's own budget.

Key features of the plan include extra lanes on the roundabout and its approach, the introduction of traffic light controls at the roundabout like ones at Cuckoo Corner.

There will also be better landscaping including at least ten more trees and extra plants.

The junction of Nestuda Way and St Laurence Way will also simplify the northbound approach to the roundabout.

All of the modifications will be able to handle more traffic and as an

added benefit will allegedly make it better for vehicles to exit from the Tesco side of the roundabout.

The authority for the borough will soon appoint a contractor for the main infrastructure work, with an announcement expected soon.

Once the contractor is appointed, work is scheduled to start on Monday, October 27, and be completed in the spring of next year.

Councillor for public protection, waste and transport, Martin Terry, said the plans were brilliant news for Southend. Mr Terry said: “Developing the area round the airport is pivotal in our plans to create valuable jobs and boost the local economy.”

“However, for these developments to go ahead, we first need to have the highways infrastructure in place to handle any increase in traffic. It's all about keeping the economy going and the traffic flowing.”

“We listened carefully to local people's views during our public engagement over this junction.”

“This clearly highlighted the improvements people want to see and we've incorporated these into our final design.”

“We've already seen the difference that upgrades to the junction at Progress Road and Cuckoo Corner have made.

“This further investment by the Council and the Government in our town will help us make Southend a more attractive prospect for business looking to invest in the area.”

Disruption to motorists and neighbouring residents and businesses to a minimum but some off peak lane closures and delays have been predicted.

There are planned lane closures during peak hours but they will be open during the weekend from mid November to the first week of January to protect Christmas trade.

Mr Terry added: “I want to reassure Southend's business community that the town will very much be open for business throughout the construction works.”

“We'll also be encouraging car sharing and alternative forms of transport throughout the construction work and would encourage anyone who regularly uses this stretch of the A127 to visit our award winning transport site [www.ideasinmotion.co.uk](http://www.ideasinmotion.co.uk) for inspiration.”

## Something different at Studio Eleven

A NEW exhibition is taking place at Studio Eleven Gallery until the end of the week.

Called Inception it celebrates two new members to the gallery in Station Road, Westcliff.

John Thompson and Sharon Henson first met during the early 80s when they met at Southend Art College.

Now the pair have joined a collective of artists at Studio Eleven and are holding their first exhibition there.

Sharon explained the show is a mixture of different mediums from oil paintings to photography.

She said: “We have tried to create something a little different to try and catch people's eyes a bit more.”

The exhibition will continue until Saturday, October 11.



## speedread

● POLICE officers in Southend are appealing for witnesses to reports that a man attempted to abduct a woman by forcing her into a car.

The incident happened at around 6.20pm on Thursday, October 2, when a 20 year old woman from Southend was walking along Stornoway Road, in Southchurch, on her own.

As she walked past a man standing by a black car, he grabbed her wrist and tried to push her into the car.

The woman was able to run off after passers by shouted at the man.

Officers are now appealing for the man and woman to come forward as they may have information police need to help with their investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to contact PC Christian Forbes at Southend CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

● LAST WEEK the YA stated that escaped convict Steven Evans was hired by a Southend company through Ingeus.

In fact, while the majority of the company's employees were supplied by Ingeus, Evans was hired through another Government-funded job scheme.

● A MAN was left with a broken jaw after being attacked in Southend.

The man from Westcliff was with a friend in Chancellor Road at the junction of Herbert Grove, at 1.10am, on Wednesday, October 1, when he was approached by two men.

The pair then beat the man to the floor and kicked and stamped on him leaving him needing surgery.

The first suspect is described as white, of slim build, aged in his 20s with short cropped light coloured hair and wore a white top.

The second was also white, of average build, aged in his 20s, with short cropped light hair and was wearing a blue top and a white scarf wrapped around his neck.

DC James Freeman said the attack was unprovoked.

DC Freeman added: “This attack has left one victim with serious injuries to his jaw, which required surgery to fix.”

“I would urge anyone that witnessed this attack, or with any information about this incident in Chancellor Road to contact me.”

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# Think sex offending in schools is

## EXCLUSIVE

By Steve Neale

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WALKING downstairs from the headteacher's office at Thorpe Hall School, Southend, was unsettling. Not because police had just discovered the former deputy head teacher Martin Goldberg had been secretly making videos of semi-naked pupils in the changing rooms. And not because police had waited nine months before questioning him about an illegal, indecent image of children he had bought online.

What was so unsettling about Goldberg's case, was how so many people seemed to think a sex offender working with children was a rarity. It isn't.

"How many of 'these' do you do a year?" asked the school's PR manager Jo Abbott, as she led me out of the building after my 30-minute interview with the headteacher.

"Maybe two a year," I said.

"Really? That many?!" she replied.

Read between the lines of the Thorpe Hall story and it's evidently part of something much, much bigger. Sex offenders getting access to our children in the digital age is something that society is not addressing, and until we face up to that reality we can't start demanding our public agencies, schools and police forces are equipped and funded to deal with the problem. The fact that Martin Goldberg was allowed to keep offending, even after police were tipped off, demonstrates that presently, they are not.

Goldberg was a local boy. His parents still live nearby. He began his career at Thorpe Hall 23 years ago and rose through the management ranks to become deputy head. He was a talented maths teacher and computer programmer.

Thorpe Hall headteacher Andrew Hampton described Goldberg as 'our systems man'. He ran the IT side of management systems and managed the school's two in-house technicians.

It's clear now that the combination of Goldberg's access to children and his tech-savvy knowledge helped him go undetected for decades.

His fate should have been sealed when Canadian police passed on his details to UK police as one of several alleged paedophiles buying illegal videos and images from a Canadian company in 2012. But the UK systems are failing from overload.

Goldberg's details were sent to the the UK's Child Exploitation On-Line Protection (CEOP) centre in July, 2012.

Essex Police received his information, along with 34 other potential offenders, on November 26, 2013.

The Essex Police On-Line Investigation Team (POLIT) didn't investigate all the images, but those that it did view – including those bought by Goldberg – were considered to be 'not illegal'. Goldberg's delayed case was reviewed on January 3, 2014. Essex Police had four invoices of video purchases he made in about 2005. The review revealed one video was illegal.

This finding should have triggered an immediate investigation into Goldberg, but it didn't.

The Goldberg case was still judged by police to be a 'lower risk investigation', because other child offenders were 'more serious' and needed prioritising.

This delay – whether Goldberg was known to be a child worker or not – is the elephant in the room.

An individual buying illegal porn was left in the community while investigators prioritised 'more serious offenders'.

Goldberg's case was not allocated to a POLIT officer for investigation until September 3, 2014 – eight months after police were made aware of illegal activity around children. Employment checks on Wednesday, September 9, revealed he was a teacher.

Officers made an immediate application to Basildon Magistrates' Court for a search warrant of his house at Dalwood, in Shoebury. Justices refused the warrant, almost certainly because police had classified the case back in January as 'low risk', because it only involved one illegal video in 2005. Magistrates would have likely asked if police had any 'new' information to justify the warrant. When they said not, the warrant was refused.

Detectives visited Goldberg at his home that

day to request access to his computer equipment. He refused them access and officers decided there were no grounds to arrest him.

It is not clear what officers said to Goldberg as they left. But it is possible he did not know a search warrant had already been declined and he suspected police would be back to search.

Over the hours that followed he made failed attempts to burn and destroy all evidence linking him with child abuse and filming.

Goldberg failed to show up for work the next day: Wednesday, September 10. It was uncharacteristic for him not to phone or email headteacher Andrew Hampton. There was an immediate staff briefing. Colleagues said they were worried. But although they suspected something was wrong, they thought it might be work-related.

"He had been stressed because of a particularly heavy work load," said Mr Hampton. "So a couple of members of staff, who were free that morning, suggested they would go round to his house. I said, 'Yes, do go round, and let me know what's going on'."

Mr Hampton received a call from the staff about 9.50am saying there was a problem.

He drove immediately to Goldberg's home. He was met by a policeman who pulled him to one side. This would be the first time Mr Hampton was told Goldberg was under POLIT investigation. Still at that stage, 'a low level investigation'.

"We were a school that had been turned upside down at that point," said Mr Hampton. "We were a school absolutely in shock. We didn't close. I got through that day by being busy. How else could you get through that? The Wednesday and Thursday were really just a blur. Keeping busy."

On Thursday, he went to see Goldberg's parents, to 'reassure them'; to tell them what he knew. To empathise.

"It was a cathartic, sharing moment," he said. "I think that was help for both of us really. I knew Howard (father) because he was a golfer."

By Friday, there had been little feedback from police on the exact nature of the investigation. At this stage it was still considered to be a 'low level allegation', no more than legal photos downloaded online. Mr Hampton decided to hold an

assembly and read a eulogy to his old friend.

He described Goldberg – the man he regularly played golf at the nearby Garons Park Golf Club – as 'intelligent and determined, with lots of excellent energy'.

"The reason I did that was, at that point, my information was that this was a very low level police investigation, and that he was going to deny it," said Mr Hampton. "It was only an allegation, and it was not proven. And at that point I felt, 'this is what I feel about the guy'; I very much hoped that the future investigation wouldn't turn out to be anything horrible, and so I felt very confident in releasing that eulogy to local newspapers."

"He was intelligent, very determined, he had excellent energy. He could work long hours and above all he was interested in innovating in school to provide exciting and new and different things for the students to do."

"One or two people have asked me why I put out the eulogy. But it was ritualistic moment. It helps people to come to term with things."

I asked Hampton about 'the other' Goldberg; the man Mr Hampton had described as having betrayed the school while living a double life.

"I don't want to go there," he said. That's delving into that other side of his life and I don't want to think about that really."

More than a week passed after the assembly before police told Mr Hampton the full extent of Goldberg's offending. By now they had searched his house and seized covert recording equipment. But it still took another two weeks before they disclosed more information to the school.

Emergency meetings were held between teaching staff, Southend social services, child protection, and police.

A decision was taken on how best to break the news to the families whose children may have been identified in Goldberg's illicit recordings. Families were briefed hours before the news was made public on Tuesday, September 30.

Essex Police and Southend Council held a press conference the same day at Southend police station. It lasted no more than 18 minutes. Senior officers and council officials repeatedly refused crucial answers – specifically, why they

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waited more than nine months to interview Goldberg after receiving information that he may be a child offender.

A day later more information was released about Goldberg's offending. Police searches after his death revealed 29 devices, one that had been burnt in a bin within the house. They also found an adapted rucksack with a covert camera inside, as well as images showing him holding this rucksack. More importantly, officers had discovered:

- 7,257 indecent images of children that he had downloaded from the internet
- 1,468 images (both legal and illegal) that appear to have been created by Goldberg
- Of these there were 465 images depicting nudity that appear to have been taken or recorded at Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre swimming pool changing rooms
- 38 images depicting nudity that appear to have been taken at other, yet to be identified, locations
- 75 depicting nudity that appear to have been taken or recorded by Mr Goldberg at Thorpe Hall School boys' changing rooms

It was confirmed that Goldberg filmed children after the force had received the information from the National Crime Agency.

Before leaving Mr Hampton's office on Thursday, I asked him how he had been personally affected by Goldberg's betrayal and what he had learned. He said: "Our focus is the children. But it's been an incredibly tough time personally. I can't deny that. Starting with the process of grieving for a close colleague and then realising the full weight of burden of leadership I was going to lead the school through. It's probably the nightmare scenario for most headteachers anywhere in the world. That's the one piece of news that you never want to hear. Other than child fatalities, it can't get any worse. We are all still shocked and horrified."

"This is something that has given us all a sense of betrayal and disgust, but we're here for the kids. We're here to support them and get them through this, to begin that long and painful process of re-building trust with the parents."

"We are now looking at a process where we

can reinforce everything that we can to make this the most outstanding, safeguarding school in the country. We've asked ourselves over and over again if we could have done more. I honestly don't think we could."

"We didn't have the slightest inkling that this man was doing what he did. Certainly from a policy point of view we know we could not have done any more."

The next day, Friday, October 3, Essex Police released a public apology to the parents of children at Thorpe Hall School for 'the delay in investigating' Goldberg.

The apology came in the form of a letter from Assistant Chief Constable Maurice Mason, to all families. He said detectives were still working to establish all the facts about Goldberg. He said the Independent Police Complaints Commission will decide later this month whether to independently investigate the failures and delays.

Perhaps the most important thing Mr Mason said came at the end. In a sense, it was an admission. Not that Essex Police got it wrong, but that the system in place to protect our children is – other than human, sometimes lazy, sometimes flawed – severely under-resourced.

Mr Mason said: "I am determined to establish as quickly as possible the full reasons for the decision not to progress the investigation of Mr Goldberg any sooner. The need for prioritisation is unfortunate but necessary due to the large and growing amount of work referred to the Police On-Line Investigation Team."

"They do a very difficult job in very demanding circumstances and they are working flat out to arrest and deal with offenders against a backdrop of increasing demand."

Goldberg may have been a tech-savvy offender, but even he didn't know the full extent of the 'demand' and pressure on the Police On-Line Investigation Team. If he had, he may still be with us. Without a warrant, and if he hadn't committed suicide, no-one at Thorpe Hall School would have been any the wiser. That's what's so unsettling about his case. There are so many more Goldbergs. And most of them are still out there.

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# Questions blocked at press conference

By Paul Giles and Charles Thomson

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QUESTIONS asked at a press conference held to answer questions regarding the delays in the case surrounding Thorpe Hall deputy head Martin Goldberg were blocked by the council and police.

The conference was held at Southend Police station on Tuesday, September 30, with Chief Superintendent Luke Collison, Detective Chief Inspector Lesley Ford and head of children's services from Southend Council John O'Loughlin.

Opening the conference Mr Collison read a statement that had previously been released highlighting the case.

He then handed over to Mr O'Loughlin who said the council was working closely with partners and the police in regards to the case.

He said: "The council's primary focus at this time are the children and their families directly involved from Thorpe Hall School as well as working with partner agencies to ensure the necessary support is available to the wider community."

Mr O'Loughlin also said the council was working closely with Legacy Leisure who run Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre, in Southend, where some of the images were recorded.

Journalists then questioned the time scale of why Mr Goldberg had not been spoken to before, and if any offences had taken place in between police getting the information and officers visiting Mr Goldberg.

Many of the questions couldn't be answered as the case is ongoing and subject to an Independent Police Complaints Commission investigation.

Det Ch Insp Ford, refused to answer questions regarding more people coming forward with regards to the investigation but said her team were safeguarding children.

She said: "I think what we would like to do is reassure the public in terms of the investigation taking place and our primary concern is to ensure the safeguarding of any person affected by this investigation and we would certainly seek members of the public, children and families, who are affected by this, to come forward and speak to us."

## Martin Goldberg timeline

DETAILS on purchases traced to the UK residents were sent by Canadian Police to the UK's Child Exploitation On-line Protection (CEOP) centre in July 2012.

■ **November, 26, 2013,** Essex Police received intelligence packages on 35 people including Mr Goldberg.

■ **November, 26, 2013,** Essex, Police On-Line Investigation Team (POLIT) review images Mr Goldberg has purchased and conclude they are not illegal.

■ **January, 3, 2014,** referral concerning Mr Goldberg was reviewed. The referral related to four invoices on purchases of video material he had made in 2005. Three were considered legal and one video was considered to be illegal. At that point in time there was no information Mr Goldberg was secretly recording children.

■ **September, 3, 2014,** Mr Goldberg's case allocated to an experienced POLIT officer for investigation.

■ **September 9, 2014,** Employment vetting check made. The check indicates Mr Goldberg is a teacher.

■ **September 9, 2014,** police make an

application to magistrate's court for a search warrant but warrant is declined due to age of purchase of illegal video.

■ **September 9, 2014,** police visit Mr Goldberg at home and request access to his computer. He declined and a decision is made there are no grounds for arrest.

■ **September 10, 2014,** police are called to Mr Goldberg's home where he is found dead. Following his death police search the property and 29 devices recovered by officers.

**Devices contained:**  
■ **7,257** indecent images of children downloaded from the internet.

■ **1,468** images, legal and illegal created by Mr Goldberg.

■ **465** images depicting nudity appear to have been taken or recorded at Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre swimming pool changing rooms.

■ **38** images depicting nudity taken at another location yet to be identified.

■ **75** images depicting nudity that appear to have been taken or recorded by Mr Goldberg at Thorpe Hall School boy's changing rooms.

# Refusal to release info prompts legal action

## EXCLUSIVE

ESSEX Council has refused to release information about children at risk of sexual exploitation.

Civil servants withheld basic details of cases involving possible sex abuse, forcing the Yellow Advertiser to take legal action under the Freedom of Information Act.

The refusal means the information will be withheld for another 20 working days.

County Hall admitted late last month that between December 9, 2013, and July 16, 2014, a total of total of 213 under-18s were reported to Essex Council as being at risk of 'child sexual exploitation'.

Essex Council released that figure following a previous request by the press under the Freedom of Information Act.

The YA asked Essex Council's press office for further basic details about the cases.

We asked how many of the youngsters had since been visited by Government agencies, how many were taken into care, how many were still considered 'at risk' and how many have so far received zero intervention.

The press office told the YA that the questions would have to be submitted as formal requests under the act before the authority would answer them.

The YA commenced legal action under the act on the same day.

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# Council destroyed list of those who may pose a risk

## EXCLUSIVE

IF MARTIN GOLDBERG had not committed suicide, he may never have been caught.

Basildon Magistrates refused a search warrant. Essex Police said evidence of a single illegal video he bought online in 2005 was not enough to arrest him. Goldberg refused to allow detectives to search his home. His employers at Thorpe Hall School may have never been told. But it wasn't always this way.

Up until six years ago, Southend Council kept an 'informal register' known as List 98. On it were names of people – like Goldberg – who may pose a risk to children. It was kept when a conviction was not possible

due to a technicality or lack of evidence. Names would not usually appear on Criminal Records Bureau or disclosure and barring checks.

The Yellow Advertiser asked the council if Goldberg ever appeared on List 98. This is its reply. "List 98 no longer exists, and indeed was never used by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council. Around five years ago and as part of a review of our employment procedures, and in light of the Human Rights Act and Data Protection rules, it was decided that the list should be destroyed.

"It was an obsolete unused document that was no longer valid as national vetting and employment processes improved. In order to ensure that children and young people

in our care are properly protected, the council carries out pre-employment checks.

"List 98 was a register held by Essex County Council and contained names of former employees who had caused concern for any number of reasons and about whom further information was held which was then shared with recruiting managers/headteachers before a decision to appoint was made.

"It was not a formal list that prevented employment in the way that List 99 (administered by the DfE) does. The criterion for including names on this list was determined by the county council and decisions to place individuals on it were taken by them prior to April 1, 1998."

## 'Delays not down to resourcing issues'

By Paul Giles

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ESSEX police and crime commissioner Nick Alston has backed procedure changes when investigating alleged child sex offenders.

Officers gathering intelligence on cases will now take out an additional employment check at the start of the investigation.

Before officers had focused more on the severity of images in people's ownership.

Mr Alston said the investigation had been made more difficult because 'the vast block of images were not illegal'.

He said: "Essex Police did do an employment check and when they found out his occupation they approached a magis-

trate for a warrant.

"We asked the magistrate to make the judgement and I agree with the decision because the images were old and not all of them were illegal. Officers still went and spoke to him on the same day."

Mr Alston denied there was a resourcing problem linked to the delay in the investigation.

He said: "With an

increase in the use of computers for crime of many natures there will be more policing to be tackled in that area, but it will not get in the way of police investigating any crimes.

"In the case of Mr Goldberg's case it was not resourcing, the officers actions were to act quickly and carefully at what may have been a sensitive issue."

## Force facing IPCC probe

THE Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) is investigating why Essex Police took a month to arrest a man for breaches of a restraining order and why officers did not take action sooner.

A woman in Southend told police on May 27 the man breached the restraining order by contacting her on social media and visiting her home.

On June 26 the woman reported another breach of the order to the police.

The man was arrested later that day and charged with a number of offences.

The IPCC began an independent investigation following a referral from the force.

The investigation is looking at why the force's response to the woman's report in May and other investigations, including any delay in arresting the man for the breaches.

It is also examining whether any risk assessment or victim protection measures were put in place after receiving the report, and whether officers complied with Essex Police and national policies relating to harassment and domestic violence.

IPCC commissioner Mary Cuneen said the investigators have met with the woman to explain their role in the investigation.

She said: "The investigation will be looking at whether officers complied with relevant policies and guidelines."

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Series executive producer Dermot Caulfield, explained the extra food was left over as part of a contingency plan if anything went wrong. He said: "You're often left with perfectly good fresh unused food. We were keen to work with a local charity to make sure this lovely

food went to a good home."

Gordon Maxwell, HARP catering manager, said he was grateful to receive the food.

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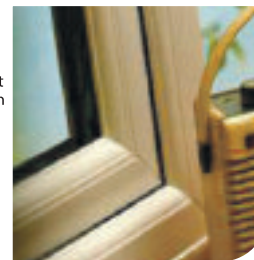
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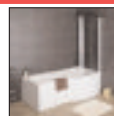
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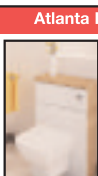
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CAMPAIGN: Tony Mardle, manager of the Stop Smoking Service

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Tony Mardle, manager of Stop Smoking Service, said although the campaign has already started it was not too late to get involved.

He said: "It is not too late to try and kick the habit of a lifetime. Lots of other smokers are trying to quit at the moment so you won't be doing it alone, and think of the money you'll save by not smoking is a great incentive."

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Councillor for community development, Ian Gilbert, said there was advice being offered all year round not just in October.

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## Opinion and readers' letters

### No special treatment for Oak Road

SO Castle Point Council has rejected the call to remove the charges at the Canvey's Oak Road car park, albeit as a result of the St George's Ukup councillor Brian Wood not being supportive of the motion.

The decision was clearly the right one, despite the difficulties being experienced by the shops in that locality.

There is no earthly reason why Oak Road should receive special consideration without consideration also been given to the plight to other local shopping facilities.

It was a decidedly parochial motion by the Canvey Independent Party and was really doomed to failure at the outset.

If they had included Richmond Hall car park in their motion, it would have been very difficult for Cllrs Cross, Partridge and Sheldon to oppose, bearing in mind the devastation currently being inflicted on the High Road shops in south Benfleet.

However, a glimmer hope was shed at the meeting when it was announced that the whole issue of all of these charges would be reviewed in six weeks time.

Let's hope that residents communicate their opinions to the council and that the affect-

ed shopkeepers both on the mainland, as well as on Canvey Island, let their views be known.

**Brian Wilson  
Benfleet**

### Investment for the few is unfair

THE Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, off Southchurch Road, may benefit from an investment of £2.1million. It is good that taxpayers' money is spent on education. However, not all taxpaying families in the school's catchment area will benefit from this substantial investment.

Children from non-Catholic families will be disadvantaged, for Catholic families will be given first priority. These disadvantaged non-Catholic children will not benefit from the taxes paid by their parents.

It is misleading to claim that this costly school expansion will provide better quality of education for the whole of Southchurch. Indisputably, it will not, for the admissions policy is unequal and contrary to the spirit of the equal opportunity legislation.

Southend ratepayers are subsidising outmoded beliefs that deliberately segregate children at their most vulnerable stage. Considering the media's daily horror stories of religious conflict, should we really add to

this by financing such an unhealthy exclusive education?

**Geoffrey Licence  
Westcliff**

### Ask not for whom the bridge tolls

DOES anybody know how we are going to pay the toll at the Dartford river crossing when the toll booths are removed in November?

We recently received a notice through the post advising that we will be able to pay the toll in advance via retail outlets and text.

After making extensive enquiries in this respect, I am none the wiser. The bridge authorities have not released any further information concerning the toll charge, leaving it late to establish any payment systems for the crossing.

Yet another muddle in the offing?

**Alan Gladman  
Rayleigh**

### Government Robin Hood in reverse

I WATCHED George Osborne's speech at the Tory Party Conference telling us that as the party had failed to rescue the economy over five years like they said they would

in 2010 and provided they were returned to government, we were in for another five years of ever increasing penury.

He kept on about deficit reduction being the absolute priority and to noisy approval from the delegates told of plans to cut the income of those on the minimum wage by, among other penalties, reducing their meagre income top-up benefit. Furthermore, he froze for two years any cost of living increases needed to offset the eye-watering cost of rented housing.

He then threw in a supposed lifeline by altering tax rates.

Raising the personal allowance to £12,500 means a nice little windfall for higher rate payers, but nothing to someone with children on the minimum wage as they don't pay tax anyway.

The Chancellor tells us that he needs another £25billion to be taken from benefits over the next five years before he can balance the books. In all, we owe about £100bn - a dire outlook.

Forty-eight hours later, his boss tells us that he intends to cut taxes on the pension pots of the better off, thus increasing that debt by £7bn. So, on Monday, we were flat broke

and by Wednesday we spend like a drunken sailor.

Take from the poor and give to the rich, Robin Hood in reverse. Still, that's the Tories for you.

**Mike Ochiltree  
Benfleet**

### Kick the spongers out of Parliament

HERE we go again with the three main parties promising jam tomorrow, when they have failed to keep the promises when they came to power.

I wonder if you asked folks what have the Conservatives/Lib Dems done for you or list their achievements since they have been in power, I think you would be hard-pushed to find the answer.

With immigration in a mess, with the world and his wife beating a path to this country, in the backs of lorries or arriving by the container load, and put up in five-star hotels at our expense.

Who can forget the expenses scandals, bankers' bonuses, the NHS is safe in our hands, err no! How many bil-

lions in debt? A vote please on our membership of the EU a fine chance. And foreign aid to those countries who do not need it.

I personally have no political axe to grind, but it would be nice to get a party in power who could be trusted to get through their term of office by keeping the noses out of the trough, and put the 'Great' back into Britain.

Someone asked me what I would do with the folks who are too lazy to work and sponge off the country, I said kick them out of Parliament.

**Bob Reeves  
Billericay**

### No men went to mow...

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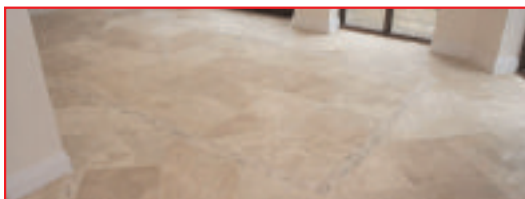
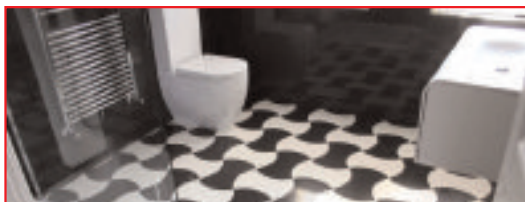
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**P.G Barrett  
Basildon**

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## Going blue for mental health day

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Suggested donations for people wearing blue is only £1 and people will get the chance to become a Mind Star, to help the organisation's fundraising drive to encourage people to raise awareness of mental illness.

Mental health does not discriminate against anyone and one in four people in their lives will suffer from it.

It can affect a person's employment, housing, family life and relationships among many other things.

Donations for the day can be made by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/kwknelo> or sent to Mind, 112a Southchurch Road, Southend, Essex, SS1 2LX.

For more details contact the Mind team on 01702 601123 or email [fundraising@seanex-suxmind.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@seanex-suxmind.org.uk).

# Clinic to treat carpal tunnel

A NEW clinic dealing with patients suffering from the effects of carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS) has opened in Westcliff.

The Tollgate Clinic Community Surgical Services in North Road will hold a specialist clinic every four weeks and patients can have an operation to help the condition within eight weeks.

The main symptoms of CTS are a numbness or tingling, pins and needles or occasional sharp pains in the thumb, index finger or middle finger, caused by a nerve being compressed as it passes through a tunnel in the wrist containing the tendons.

Sufferers can become clumsy due to a lack of feeling in their hands.

The condition can be treated with splints, steroid injections or in severe cases with minor surgery.

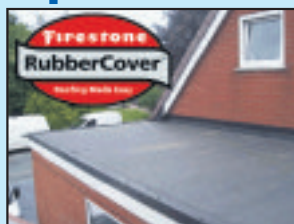
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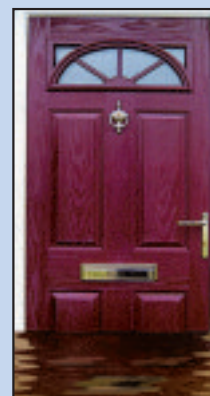


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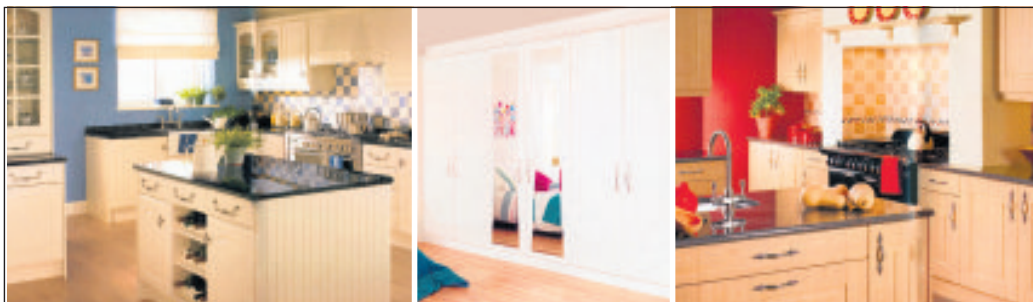
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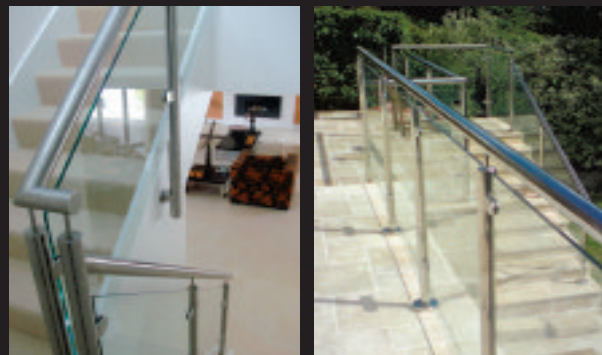
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## STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

by LIZ WADE

**C**HRIS Martin – no, not that one – is exploring his own coping mechanisms in his new stand-up show, Responsibilliness, which comes to the Palace Theatre's Dixon Studio this week.

With his style maturing, having so far performed to more than 100,000 people, Chris decided to up sticks and move home and now the comedian's world has changed dramatically.

He is now lapping up the life of luxury, having moved into his parents' shed.

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His quick-witted stand-up show explores his coping mechanisms on living in his new found abode and sees him delve into the wonders of his mind through an hilariously quirky observational show that includes everything from his reflections about hair, to his musing about karaoke and kissing.

Chris says he is "very excited" about doing his first national tour, adding: "Getting to mess around for a couple of hours in front of people is a privilege."

"The driving for several hours on my own, does however, make me question my very existence. My car is like a breeding ground for Ginsters pasty wrappers."

Chris writes a new show every year and the outcome of his latest 12 months of work looks set to be just as well received as his sold out run at the Edinburgh Festival in 2011

for his show Chris Martin: No, Not That One.

Joking he has been "booed off stage every night", Chris adds: "Think the crowds have been really enjoying it. I'm quite interactive so everyone feels part of the show."

And why is it called Responsibilliness you might ask? Chris sheds some light by saying it's "because I'm supposed to become more responsible but cannot fight my silly tendencies."

As a stand-up, Chris has performed all over the world including Dubai and New Zealand and has enjoyed sell-out shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2013, as well as appearances supporting Jack Whitehall, Russell Kane and more recently, Milton Jones, on tour.

Alongside all this Chris's various television credits include appearances on ITV2's Fake Reaction and Dave's One Night Stand on Dave, as well as radio credits such as featuring on the panel show Fighting Talk on BBC Radio 5 Live, performing on Comedy on The Boat on BBC Radio 4 Extra and a guest appearance on Hawksbee and Jacobs, and Matt Forde on talkSPORT.

Chris, who also hosts a hugely successful podcast with Carl Donnelly, which is listed in the Guardian's top 10 comedy podcasts, lifts the lid on his best and worst experiences.

He says: "Best experience was performing at the Apollo supporting Milton Jones. Worst, ending a corporate gig by a woman hitting me on the head with a spoon."

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NOT THAT ONE:  
Chris Martin



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## Cinema



Dylan O'Brien and  
Kaya Scodelario in  
**The Maze Runner**  
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# A matter of life or death

**THE MAZE RUNNER**  
(12A, 113 mins)

**B**ASED on the best-selling novel by James Dashner, *The Maze Runner* is a testosterone-fuelled survival thriller cast from the same robust mould as *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent*.

Like those dystopian nightmares, Wes Ball's film centres on naive characters, teetering on the cusp of adulthood, who are forced to make stark choices between life and death to secure freedom.

Only here, adolescent males are trapped in the moral mire and forced to establish a microcosm of self-governing society a la *The Lord of the Flies* in which the strongest take charge and the meek keep their heads down.

While *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent* expended valuable time establishing character backstories and motivations, this opening salvo of *The Maze Runner* employs a nifty cheat: amnesia.

All of the protagonists are stripped bare of memories including their identity, emerging from the darkness of a lift shaft into an enclosed green space

called *The Glade* as blank slates.

"I can't remember anything," whimpers newbie Thomas (Dylan O'Brien).

"You get your name back in a day or two. It's the one thing they let us keep," explains Alby (Aml Ameen), the de facto leader, who emerged into this strange prison three years ago.

Gargantuan walls enclose *The Glade* and every morning, one wall parts to reveal a maze which 'runners' like Minho (Ki Hong Lee) map while avoiding hideous denizens called Grievers in the vain hope of finding an exit.

The runners must return before dusk when the wall closes and the maze reconfigures.

Having plucked his name from the fog of his mind, Thomas forges friendships with Alby, second-in-command Newt (Thomas Brodie-Sangster) and runt of the litter Chuck (Blake Cooper), but falls foul of brutish rival Gally (Will Poulter).

Out of the blue, a girl called Teresa (Kaya Scodelario) emerges from the lift.

She woozily claims to know Thomas and paranoia runs rampant.

For the opening hour, *The Maze Runner* is lean and taut, rattling along at break-neck speed to the beat of composer John Paesano's propulsive score.

The threat of bloodshed hangs in the air but it's only when Thomas strays into the labyrinth that the film unveils a surprisingly nasty streak, despatching the good-looking cast in a shockingly cold, clinical fashion.

Director Ball doesn't succumb to squeamishness or sentimentality; death comes quickly and gruesomely, and the strongest, most noble and endearing characters are prime fodder for the rampaging Grievers.

The film earns its 12A certificate without flinching.

O'Brien and Ameen anchor the young ensemble with fine performances, with sterling support from Lee, Brodie-Sangster and Poulter, the latter fleshing out his punishment-fixed bully with aplomb.

Scodelario is noticeably short-changed but presumably, she will play a pivotal role – from beyond the grave or in the flesh – in next year's fleet-footed sequel, *The Scorch Trials*.

Burn, baby burn.

**Released: October 10**

## Stage

# Stand up and be counted

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Despite the spoon incident his career has gone from strength to strength since plucking up the courage to try out stand-up.

Chris adds: "I used to love watching it as a teenager, then one day I got the nerve to try it above a pub. It went not terribly so I've kept on doing it."

Apart from finding people expecting him to be funny all the time "a small trade-off for

being able to wake up at midday", what's Chris' future plans in comedy?

"Carry on writing the new show for next year in my shed," he says.

● Chris' Responsibility tour will be at the Dixon Studio, Southend's Palace Theatre at 9pm on Friday. For further information and tickets call the box office on 01702 351135 or visit: [www.southendtheatres.org.uk](http://www.southendtheatres.org.uk)



# Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about with her boys



## Special art exhibition at Thameside

**R**ENOWNED wildlife painter, Terence Lambert, will be at Thameside Nature Park from Friday with a special exhibition.

The artist, whose work has appeared in more than 40 publications to date, is putting on a special autumn exhibition at the Thurrock nature park from Friday, October 10, to Sunday, October 19, to show people how he produces his amazing illustration and give demonstrations to local schools and clubs.

The exhibition runs from 10am to 3pm each day and the visit will also give Terence the opportunity to explore some of the species he hasn't studied for many years, as the reserve is a magnet for a range of different birds.

Terence, whose love of art and wildlife began when he grew up in the Surrey countryside, studied at Guildford School of Art and has painted birds almost exclusively for the past 30 years, including illustrating the British list three times for various publications.

While commissioned projects over the years have taken him to some of the world's most exciting countries and locations, such as climbing in the Himalayas and walking the deserts of Oman, the

inspiration for much of his work comes from the mid-Wales landscape where he lives, just half an hour drive from coastal, estuary, mountain and moorland locations.

Terence's exhibition will be housed in the nature park's stunning and innovative visitor centre, which boasts fantastic views over Mucking Flats as well as the Thames Estuary, thanks the vast windows in its observation room and its rooftop viewing area that can be reached by making your way along a walkway that runs around the outside of the building.

The visitor centre and nature park occupy a former landfill site that is being transformed into a living landscape by Essex Wildlife Trust. It is the biggest project the trust has ever delivered as the current 120-acre site will be eventually extended to cover an area of 845 acres boasting 12 miles of new footpaths, bridleways and cycle paths.

As well as being an outstanding habitat for coastal and wetland wildlife when it's complete, the site will also hopefully be home to grazing animals, possibly Exmoor



HABITAT: Thameside Nature Park

ponies.

Today the site is an avian hotspot and there are already internationally important numbers of ringed plover and avocets and nationally important numbers of grey plover, dunlin, godwit and redshank. It is also important for many other species including barn owls, water voles, harvest mice, skylark, butterflies and invertebrates.

Other up-and-coming events at Thameside Nature Park include spooky crafts days from 10am to 3pm on Monday, October 27, and Wednesday, October 29, where

you can create Halloween accessories for your home; an owl night on Tuesday, October 28, from 7 to 9pm, when you can hear a short presentation from Owlwise and get the chance to get up close to owls and see them fly around the centre; a mucking mysterious tour from 8 to 10pm on Wednesday, October 29, when those aged 14 and over can join a walk in the dark, learn about the history of mucking and hear some creepy tales along the way; and a creepy crawly ball for children from 6 to 8pm on Thursday, October 30,

when youngsters can turn up in their scariest fancy dress costumes and enjoy some Halloween fun and games.

The spooky craft days, the mucking mysterious tour and the creepy crawly ball cost a suggested donation of £5 per person, while the owl night costs £6 per person, and all events need to be booked by calling 01375 643342.

\*For further information about these and other events at Thames Nature Park visit [www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/thurrock-thameside](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/thurrock-thameside)

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### Wednesday, October 15

■ Talk: Glen Miller, the Man and His Music, Leigh-on-Sea University of the Third Age, 2.30pm, West Leigh Baptist Church, SS9 2AJ. 01702 479622.  
■ Plays for Laughs present: Love Begins at 50, A Hilarious Comedy by Raymond Hopkins, Dixon Studio, Palace Theatre, Westcliff-on-Sea. 01702 351135, tickets £11.  
■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club, The Chichester, Rawthorpe, Wickford, The Three Fivers and One Diva - Helen Keating, Mark and Harry Stratford, Bob E Dymon and Ted Beament Quartet. 8pm-10.30pm, £10 on door.  
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St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, South Benfleet 1.30-3.15pm for information call Norma 01268 794694.  
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■ TDFAS (Thames Estuary Decorative and Fine Arts society) first meeting of new season, at The Freight House Bradley Way Rochford 10.30am and 2.30pm, visitors £5, call 01702 479416 or 01268 771120.  
■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh, 1.30-3pm. New members welcome, Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.  
■ Leigh Singles Social Club, 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. Visit www.leighsingles.co.uk for further details.  
■ Activity session for children with special needs, ages five to 18. The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.  
■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Benfleet. Afternoon, of ballroom & Latin and sequence dances for dancers of all abilities. 2-4.25pm, strictly over-18s, £4 per person. 01268 752473.  
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■ Duplicate Bridge, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, 7.30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.  
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 ■ Singles Social Group, meets The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50-plus,

8pm. 07970 432994.  
 ■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus, South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.  
 ■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.  
 ■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.  
 ■ Carpet bowls, Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrison's car park, 1.45-3.45pm, (and every Thursday 3.30-5.30pm), no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.  
 ■ Bingo and Hoy, Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, further details John Clarke 01268 570575.  
 ■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.  
 ■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.  
 ■ Little Lunchers Activity Club, St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.  
 ■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.  
 ■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.

## Wednesday, October 15

■ Talk: Glen Miller, the Man and His Music, Leigh-on-Sea University of the Third Age, 2.30pm, West Leigh Baptist Church, SS9 2AJ. 01702 479622.  
 ■ Plays for Laughs present: Love Begins at 50, A Hilarious Comedy by Raymond Hopkins, Dixon Studio, Palace Theatre, Westcliff-on-Sea. 01702 351135, tickets £11.  
 ■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club, The Chichester, Rawthorpe, Wickford, The Three Fivers and One Diva - Helen Keating, Mark and Harry Stratford, Bob E Dymon and Ted Beament Quartet. 8pm-10.30pm, £10 on door.  
 ■ New Thundersley (A) Townswomen and Guilds are looking for new members meet first and third Wednesday of each month,

St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, South Benfleet 1.30-3.15pm for information call Norma 01268 794694.  
 ■ Mayflower Wine and Social Club, The Day Centre, Chantry Way, Billericay, Speaker on the life and restoration of Massey Shore fire boat at Dunkirk, 8pm. For details call 01277 652001.  
 ■ TEDFAS (Thames Estuary Decorative and Fine Arts society) first meeting of new season, at The Freight House Bradley Way Rochford, 10.30am and 2.30pm, visitors £5, call 01702 479416 or 01268 771120.  
 ■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh, 1.30-3pm. New members welcome, Galey Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.  
 ■ Leigh Singles Social Club, 45-65s.  
 ■ Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. Visit www.leighsingles.co.uk for further details.  
 ■ Activity session for children with special needs, ages five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.  
 ■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Benfleet. Afternoon, of ballroom & Latin and sequence dances for dancers of all abilities. 2-4.25pm, strictly over-18s, £4 per person. 01268 752473.  
 ■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, Sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.  
 ■ Barn Dance, Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music from Bits 'n' Pieces. 8.30pm. 01702 553622.  
 ■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantle Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details contact Olive 01702 309280.  
 ■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching given, call Chris 01268 419831.  
 ■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation call Honore 01268 574390.  
 ■ Leigh Singles Social Club, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk.  
 ■ Social Afternoon of Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.  
 ■ Line Dancing Lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Line Avenue, Leigh, 12.30-2.30pm, helping to raise funds for the church hall. 01268 281488.  
 ■ Afternoon Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off

Richmond Avenue), 2-4.30pm, £4 per person, strictly over-18s. 01268 752473.  
 ■ Health Walk, Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.  
 ■ Meeting, Alonan, International/Worldwide Support Group for families, wives, husbands, friends of alcoholics and those with other addictions, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm.  
 ■ Pulse Drum Club, St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.  
 ■ Over-50s session, Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 includes use of equipment. 01268 773100.  
 ■ Activity sessions, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs aged five to 18, free admission, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.  
 ■ Palace Writers Group, 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, details Emily 01702 390472.  
 ■ Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the church, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, details Gill 01702 421737.  
 ■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.  
 ■ Over-50s Session, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, £3.50 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.  
 ■ Duplicate Bridge, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, 7.30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.  
 ■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

## Thursday, October 16

■ Plays for Laughs present: Love Begins at 50, A comedy by Raymond Hopkins, Dixon Studio, Palace Theatre, Westcliff-on-Sea. 01702 351135, tickets £11.  
 ■ Leigh-on-Sea Camera Club, Portraits, pets included, judged by members, prints and DPL. 7.45-10pm, Leigh Community Centre, Visitors £3. www.leighcameraclub.co.uk.  
 ■ Ladies' Good Companion Club, Belle Vue Baptist Church Hall, off Southchurch Road, 2-4pm, Yvonne, 01702 461055.  
 ■ Thundersley Gardening Association, 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, bring exhibits, entrance £3.

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# It was well worth the wait

**A** NEW restaurant has opened its doors in Westcliff-on-Sea offering much more than just fantastic Italian cuisine.

It has taken six months to transform the former shop at 1 West Road into the town's newest restaurant, Il Palazzo, and the wait has been worth it.

Diners have been taking their seats in the modern and stylish restaurant, which has classic touches and a relaxed atmosphere, ever since it opened its doors two weeks ago.

It has a vast range of dishes to try, from classic Italian ones to those with a different twist, including cold and hot starters, pizza, pastas and risotto, as well as fish, chicken, and pork dishes, plus a selection of delicious desserts, while it will also soon be introducing a range of chef specials each week.

You can even watch your food being prepared, thanks to a live link to the kitchen on an LCD television.

While its a la carte menu offers outstanding value-for-money, diners can save even more by making the most of its selection of set menus.

Its special lunch menu offers dishes from just £3.95 including tapas selections and Italian omelettes, or you can choose any pizza or pasta dish for £5.95, available six days a week from 10.30am up until 4pm.

On Sundays you can enjoy a roast dinner with all the trimmings for just £6.95 for your main meal, or £11.95 for two courses.

What's more, as the restaurant is located opposite the Palace Theatre, it offers theatregoers a fantastic

place to enjoy a delicious meal before taking a seat for an evening performance. Make the most of its pre-theatre set menu, offering two courses for just £11.95 all day until 7pm, making it also ideal for business lunches or dinners.

Il Palazzo also has a licensed bar so why not carry on your evening after your meal? With Italian wines including Prosecco and a range of beers and spirits it is the perfect place to enjoy a drink in the evening, during the day, or pop in for coffee and cakes.

With seating for up to 64 people

the restaurant can also cater for a range of private functions or parties, from engagements to birthdays.

It will also be the perfect setting this Christmas when it will be serving a special two-course Christmas lunch menu for £11.95, including a wide range of choices such as roast beef, salmon, stuffed chicken and roast turkey, and a three-course evening Christmas menu for £22.95 with further choices including monk fish and risotto, and desserts such as white chocolate profiteroles, strawberry cheesecake and traditional

Christmas pudding.

As well as taking bookings for festive celebrations, the restaurant is also taking bookings for a fantastic six-course banquet on Christmas Day for £65 per person.

The fully air-conditioned restaurant, which also offers a takeaway service, is open from 10.30am to late seven days a week with private parking available.

For further information or to make a booking at Il Palazzo, at 1 West Road, on the corner of London Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, call 01702 341888 or visit [www.ilpalazzo.co](http://www.ilpalazzo.co).



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# Spice has the variety of life

IT may only be eight months since Spice Lounge opened its doors on Canvey Island, but it has already made an impact of local diners.

The restaurant, situated on Canvey seafront, first welcomed diners in January and since then everyone from couples and families to large parties celebrating special occasions have been taking their seats.

This is due to its outstanding a la carte menu of contemporary cuisine, its welcoming and helpful staff and its beautiful décor.

Spice Lounge is justly proud of the specially selected Indian and Bangladeshi cuisine on its menu including a vast range of starters such as duck or green chicken tikka, and tandoori lamb chops or king prawns. Its selection of main courses is packed with a variety of traditional dishes such as masala, korai, jalfrezi, balti, korma, curry, bhuna, dupiaza, rogon josh, sag, dansak, pathia, madras, vindaloo and biryani delights.

What's more, there are a range of chef's specialities including dum gosh, chicken irangani, gosht kata masala, duck jalsha, and duck shuganda, and seafood specialities such as chingri sag paneer, Bengal king prawn, crab bhuna and salmon kurma.

If you are looking to try a range of dishes, or feed the family for outstanding value-for-money, then try its Sunday buffet.

The buffet, served from noon to 10pm, costs just £9.95 for adults and £6.95 for children, while the under-fives eat for free. With its range of dishes, such as Chicken tikka and vegetable samosa for starters, chicken pasanda, north Indian garlic chill chicken and Lamb korai for mains, and sides such as Bombay aloo and sag paneer, as well as rice, bread, salad and chutneys, so you have a feast for the whole family.

As well as offering a wide choice, with buffet



dishes changing regularly, it also offers fantastic value thanks to its 'buy two get one free' deal for *Yellow Advertiser* readers.

The restaurant welcomes bookings as well as walk-in diners, and can cater for a range of special occasions from birthdays and anniversaries to Christmas celebrations.

It also boasts a takeaway service, which offers free home delivery on orders of more than £10 within a five mile radius, or a 10 per cent dis-

count on collection orders of more than £15.

Spice Lounge is open every day, including bank holidays, from noon to 2.30pm and from 5.30pm to midnight, from Monday to Saturday, and all day from noon to midnight on Sundays.

For further information about Spice Lounge, at 2 Casino Parade, Eastern Esplanade, call 01268 699992 or 01268 699555, visit the website at [www.spiceloungecanvey.com](http://www.spiceloungecanvey.com) or find it on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/spiceloungecanvey](http://www.facebook.com/spiceloungecanvey).

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# New-look Lodge has it all

DINERS at The Lodge Country Inn, Battlesbridge, are enjoying new menus alongside a fresh, new environment, thanks to a major refurbishment.

The friendly, family-run business situated in the heart of Essex has been given a new look including new decor, carpets, tables and chairs.

With a large marquee, a glasshouse restaurant serving a tasteful a la carte menu, an affordable bar menu, packed with more than 100 different meals, comfortable hotel rooms and a traditional bar area, the venue has something for everyone.

Its fully licensed bar has an extensive drinks menu, comprising a wide array of wines served by the glass, real ales, bottled and draught beers, while its large 120-seater restaurant has an appetising range of dishes to suit all tastes and requirements, including a two-course special for £10.95 and three-courses for £12.95.

The Lodge's a la carte menu is also available in its stylish conservatory offering a spacious comfortable environment to try five-star food and enjoy a wide selection of wine served by the glass. The conservatory can be booked for special occasions and set menus can be arranged to suit a range of budgets.

The venue has a large garden with an extensive seating area, bouncy castles and a children's play area.

If you want to keep the children amused while going out and visiting family and friends for an enjoyable meal or drink, then look no further



than The Lodge. Its stylish marquee, situated within idyllic country surroundings, is the perfect place for a range of special occasions for 60-200 guests, with a late licence until midnight.

What's more, as it can now hold civil ceremonies and is the perfect place for your big day, so why not call for further information.

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There is a packed programme of tribute nights, family fun days and other events at The Lodge so keep an eye out on its website so you don't miss out on all the fun.

Tribute Nights include a multi-tribute comedy act with Nick Slade on November 6 and Tom-tastic, the ultimate Tom Jones tribute, on December 4, with an Elvis tribute on December 11. This is all on top of great weekly family entertainment, from karaoke nights on Sunday and Hugh Rainey's Jazz band every Tuesday, to music quiz nights every other Wednesday with the next taking place on October 15.

There is also live Friday bands

with free admission and up-and-coming appearances include Soul 'd' Out on Friday; Arizona on Tuesday; Beagles Halloween Party on October 31; Freefall on November 28; Larry and the Streamers on December 5; The Nook on December 12; and the Streetlife 10-piece party band on December 19.

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In addition there's a chef's special menu and board to view and a children's menu offering a variety of dishes for just £4.95, from Monday to Saturday.

If you have room for more, then its dessert menu is to die for!

The restaurant has built up a reputation for its mega-choice of excellent, monster-size delicious ice creams, plus, of course, other desserts such as pancakes, waffles, and chocolate fudge gateau.

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The extensive a la carte menu is available every evening from Monday to Saturday.

The restaurant has introduced gluten-free options and many of the dishes (marked gf) on the various menus can be prepared and made with ingredients, which to the knowledge of the restaurant do not contain gluten, including the pastas.

Spaghetti Junction is the ideal setting for parties of up to 30 people and is also available for private functions.

There is also a takeaway menu available for those who want to enjoy the restaurant's delicious food (including gluten-free options) in the comfort of their own home.

Spaghetti Junction is now taking bookings for this year's festive season including Christmas Day lunch (three courses for £30.95, children £14.95) and Boxing Day lunch (three courses for £22.50, children £10.95). Anyone interested is urged to book early to avoid disappointment.

The restaurant, situated at 767 London Road, Westcliff (opposite Chalkwell Park), is open from Monday to Saturdays, from 6pm until late.

For further information call Spaghetti Junction on 01702 473388 or visit [www.spaghettijunctionrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.spaghettijunctionrestaurant.co.uk) where full details of all the menus can be found.

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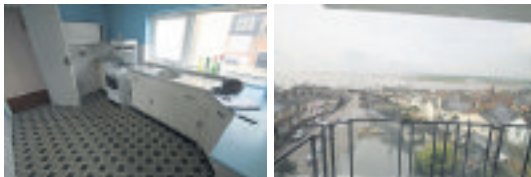
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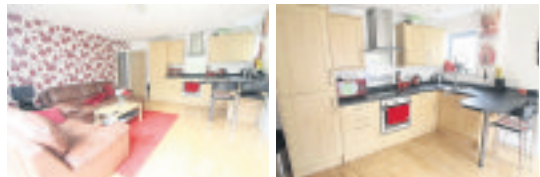
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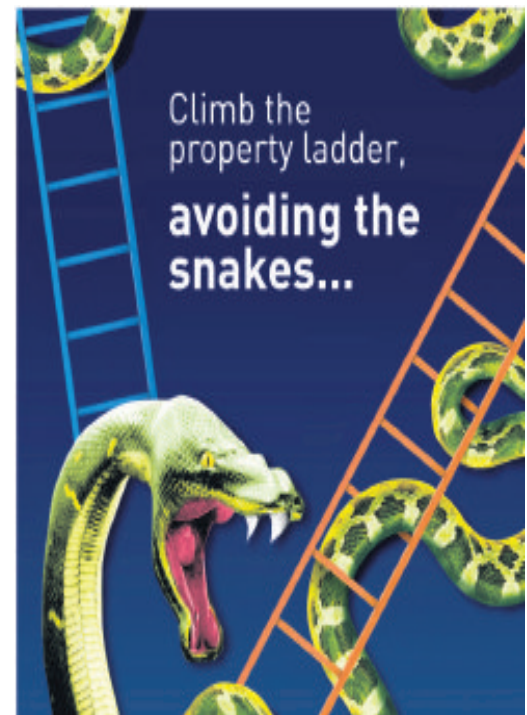
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## ASK THE AGENT ALAN KIRKMAN

**Q. Can you explain why there is so much inconsistency in the published house price figures?**

A. I'll try!

Basically, there are several sources of house price data for the UK, the main ones being the Land Registry, the Office of National Statistics (ONS), the Halifax and Nationwide building societies, and the property portal Rightmove.

Nowhere is the inconsistency you mention more dramatic than between the two "official" sets of figures, compiled by the ONS and the Land Registry. Take the most recent ones, covering the year to July. According to the ONS, average house prices rose 11.7% during this period to stand at £272,000. The Land Registry, on the other hand, put average prices at £175,653 – very nearly £100,000 lower. Similar, though less striking, discrepancies exist elsewhere too.

Why? Well, partly because the various indices are actually measuring different things. The ONS reports, for example, are based on mortgage lending data for the whole of the UK, while the Land Registry index is based on a complete register of all residential sales – but, only in England and Wales. Moreover, for reasons best known to itself, the Land Registry also excludes all new-build sales!

Similarly, Rightmove tracks sellers' asking prices, not actual selling prices. As a result, it tends to be more volatile than other indices, rising and falling relatively rapidly in line with changing market sentiment.

Finally, the Nationwide and Halifax base their calculations on their own mortgage activity – which, needless to say, automatically excludes all cash transactions!

The other main reason for discrepancies between the various indices lies in the different approaches they each take to tackling the one big problem with all house price data: the only figures available are those relating to properties that are actually sold in a given period – which may (or may not) be representative of the national housing stock as a whole. For example, what do you do if more first time buyer properties just happen to be sold in one month, and more moated manor houses the next? You can't simply announce that "average prices" have shot up from £150,000 to £2 million! So, the raw house price data has to be "mix-adjusted" (to use statisticians' jargon) to take account of such variables. And each index uses its own formula to do this.

So, how to make sense of it all? Easy: just ignore all the figures quoted in the national press – and ask your friendly local estate agent instead!



Alan Kirkman is a Director of both Tudor Estates in Southend and Essex TEAM part of a network of independently owned estate agents who share their instructions for the benefit of giving their client properties maximum market exposure. Alan has been an estate agent for over 32 years.

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## PRIME TIME TO SELL, SAYS CONNELLS

### AGENT ASKS SELLERS TO SET THEM THE 'SIX WEEK CHALLENGE'

As the nights start to draw in, local estate agency Connells in Rayleigh is pleased to report it is seeing several rays of light in the local property market. The agent has experienced a rush of activity as homeowners look to secure a sale and move before the Christmas holiday season begins so has reinstated its 'Six Week Challenge' campaign, giving homeowners a chance to sell their property in record time and for the best price.

Connells' 'Six-Week Challenge' is designed to help those looking to move home find a buyer more quickly. Utilising all of the team's expertise and knowledge of the local housing market, Connells pulls out all the stops to get participating properties off the market in under six weeks.

"There are many reasons why people want to sell their homes as quickly as possible," says Christine Mahy, Residential Sales Manager for Connells. "For many, it's down to personal circumstances, such as relocating for work, while some have set their sights on a dream home and need to secure a sale on their current property before putting in an offer.

"Whatever the reason, Connells' 'Six-Week Challenge' is designed to help these individuals achieve a sale in a short timeframe," Christine continues. "We've run this campaign before with much success so I would urge anyone wanting to sell their home quickly to contact us at the branch and achieve winning results in just six weeks."

Connells in Rayleigh is seeing a greater degree of confidence across the market from sellers. This is great news for buyers who are getting more choice but demand is still outweighing supply.

"It is not unusual at this time of year to see more people looking to move," Christine continues. "We often find with the summer over and children back at school people can turn their attention to moving home. Whether you are buying for the first time, upsizing, downsizing or looking for that ultimate dream home, now is a great time to get the ball rolling if you want to move before Christmas."

If you are interested in participating in Connells' 'Six Week Challenge' and would like to book a free market appraisal, please contact your local Connells branch on 01268 777767 or email: [rayleigh@connells.co.uk](mailto:rayleigh@connells.co.uk).

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Southend-On-Sea **£235,000**



**NEW INSTRUCTION**  
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**NEW PRICE**  
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Hockley **£135,000**



**NEW INSTRUCTION**  
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Rayleigh **£260,000**



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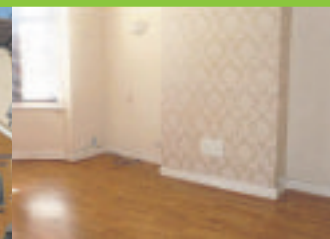


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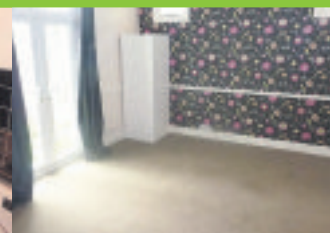


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### Westcliff-on-Sea £239,995

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### Southend-on-Sea £125,000

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### Southend-on-Sea £89,995

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### Westcliff-on-Sea £199,995

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### CLIFTON TERRACE - £900 pcm

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### WARRIOR SQUARE - £695 pcm

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3. the reasonable expected usage of such an item
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We'd say that there several points to make in addition to this very helpful guidance. Generally, you're not going to be able to claim for the full cost of replacing an item but merely a contribution towards its repair or replacement. Secondly, the type of tenant you have taken on makes a difference. So, if you've let the property to parents with kids or students, people with pets or smokers and that was recognized in the agreement, then you can't penalize tenants for behaving as anyone would reasonably expect them to.

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## Nissan boosts Qashqai line-up

By Mike Torpey

NISSAN is aiming to accelerate the success rate of its award-winning Qashqai crossover range with a fresh model and new trim level.

New to the line-up is an Xtronic DIG-T 115 variant while n-tec grade replaces Acenta Premium and is positioned between the existing Acenta and Tekna grades.

Outside, the new n-tec grade - which starts at £21,700 - features black diamond-cut 18-inch alloy wheels and there's the option of a full-length panoramic glass roof and roof rails for an extra £550.

Taking centre stage among the n-tec model's safety, comfort and entertainment features is an Around View Monitor, which provides the driver with a 'helicopter view' of the area immediately surrounding the car.

AVM is integrated into the Qashqai's latest NissanConnect entertainment system - a collection of technologies that includes smartphone connectivity and advanced sat-nav featuring Google Send to Car route planning.

Other comfort features included as standard on n-tec include push-button start, front and rear parking sensors, automatic folding mirrors and an auto dimming rear view mirror.

Customers choosing this variant also benefit from Safety Shield technologies like Forward Emergency braking, Traffic Sign Recognition, Lane Departure Warning and High Beam Assist.

To complete the enhancements, there's the new DIG-T 115 Xtronic model featuring a six-speed auto transmission option for the first time from Acenta upwards.

The car has low emissions of 129g/km, returns a Combined 50.4mpg and costs an additional £1,350 over the equivalent manual variants.

The Japanese brand's GB chief Jim Wright said: "The Qashqai continues its sales success as it delivers exactly what customers need and want in terms of design, technology, practicality and safety."

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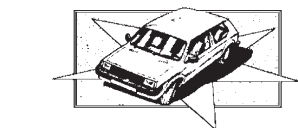
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**MARIE** 37yrs slim attractive caring, likes meals in/out, cinema, tennis, keeping fit/active, WLTm fun loving, reliable man for friendship leading to more. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 411037**

**SOPHIE** 27yr old nursing assistant with no ties looking for discreet adult fun times with tall attractive guy 35-42yrs. GSOH essential. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 410717**

**34YR** single mum of 1 who loves nights out having a good time seeks similar sociable fun guy to enjoy relaxed but extremely fun relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 410709**

**CATHY** very much a lady seeks gent up to 62yrs who would appreciate an independent professional sassy female who loves to be wined, dined and romanced. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 410301**

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**SHARON** very attractive British black lady, sexy size 6 looking for white male to fall in love with. Beautiful people can be lonely too. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409263**

**EMMA** slim outgoing 30yr old female seeking honest, kind caring, loving male to take me out, show me a good time, hopefully leading to LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409083**

**CATHERINE** slim fit very attractive blonde, intelligent, optimistic, girly, social and WLTm happy go lucky fella for friendship, hopefully more. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 408513**

**LUCY** 28yr old single mum looking for male up to 40yrs for fun time friendship, socialising, days out and hopefully leading to more dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409113**

**TRACY** slim dark haired beauty, petite, hardworking career, enjoys dancing, nights out, WLTm loving male who can make me laugh for an adult relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409419**

**TONI** 34yrs voluptuous, loves cosy nights in, good nights out, WLTm romantic male who will treat me like a princess. Car owner/driver pls. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409269**

**KATE** 47yr old slim brunette, considered attractive, likes cooking, meals out, animals and WLTm tall confident man with own hair and teeth. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 407617**

**KIRSTY** blonde blue eyed size 12 nurse, enjoys cosy nights, driving, holidays, socialising, WLTm broad-minded male for adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409259**

**KATH** blonde independent female, employed with OHAC looking for fun and laughter with likeminded nice easy going male, any age. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 407955**

**SUE** independent confident female who knows exactly what she wants, fit, intelligent, loves the Arts, seeks sensitive, interesting soul mate. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409415**

**SUSAN** attractive single female looking for really nice guy for cosy nights in and fun nights out. Go on give me a call and let's go out or have a chat. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409411**

**CLARE** 31yr old single female, green eyes, dark hair, looking for fun, friendship and hopefully a ltr with loving male. No time wasters pls. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409257**

**SARAH** 36, attractive with long blonde hair and green eyes, independent, employed with OHAC, WLTm similar articulate, interesting guy in uniform for nights in/out. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 408495**

**MID** naughty forties female looking fun, thrills and discreet meets, give me a call, you won't be disappointed. Any age with own accommodation. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409109**

**ANITA** very attractive black female, seeking mature white/Asian man to enjoy uncomplicated relationship with no ties. Any age, pls contact me, I'm very lonely. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 408505**

**LINDA** mature female bored of being single, blonde, attractive, green eyes, looking for good times with fun outgoing male with a spring in his step. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409253**

**36YR** old slim blonde female, genuine, caring and honest looking for similar descent guy for fun times, hopefully leading to more. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409247**

**SUE** young looking slim attractive blue eyed 37yr old female with wicked sense of humour looking for fun times, if you feel the same call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 6358 Box No: 409099**

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## CURSE OF THE SHRIMPS STRIKES AGAIN

**RIGHT: Connor Clifford clears**  
Photo by Dave Montier



### Southend United

**Southend United 0 Morecambe 1**  
**Brian Jeeves reporting**  
**from Roots Hall Stadium.**

SOUTHEND United's irritating Morecambe bogey struck once again as the Lancashire outfit extended their unbeaten Sky Bet League Two sequence to nine games over their Essex rivals, and frustratingly ended the Blues recent winning streak in the process.

Southend have been in decent form of late, recording four wins from as many matches going in to this encounter. But, promotion rivals Morecambe have held the Indian sign over the South Essex outfit, winning seven of the eight league encounters between the clubs.

That record was not all that concerned the Roots Hall faithful. Talk around the stands centred upon Bolton's apparent interest in manager Phil Brown following the dismissal of former Blues striker Dougie Freedman.

But for now at least, Brown's focus was on Southend. Unsurprisingly, he selected the same starting eleven that

had shown such resolve against Shrewsbury Town a week previous.

But on a wet afternoon it was Morecambe who made the quicker start, and within five minutes they were ahead. Adam Thompson was caught out by a long ball forward and Jack Redshaw beat Blues keeper Daniel Bentley with a neat volley from 12 yards.

Southend looked for an immediate response, Connor Clifford's effort beat Morecambe keeper Barry Roche but cannoned back off the face of the bar, already the agitated home support was anxious that the Shrimp hoodoo was showing its face once again.

Blues seemed distinctly off-colour, with the visitors looking the more composed and comfortable outfit.

In fact, they could have fallen further behind. Redshaw reacted the quickest to a mistake from Luke Prosser, but Bentley produced a fantastic one-handed save before Thompson completed the clearance.

Southend had shown very little in the way of a viable goal threat, but indicated signs of rallying when Jack Payne fired into Roche's midriff. Soon after

Shaquille Coulthirst should have done better, heading straight at Roche after great build-up play from John White and Kevan Hurst.

Roche continued to frustrate Southend. Myles Weston's deflected shot was smothered by the busy Shrimps keeper, then he was in the thick of the action again, denying both Coulthirst and Hurst in quick succession as Blues turned the screw.

Roche seemed to be enjoying his afternoon. The busy keeper did well to claw Weston's hanging centre over, and as the half drew to a close their mood wasn't helped as Coulthirst's low strike across goal was fingers past an upright as the visitors' keeper staked his claim for man of the match.

When the teams re-emerged it was Morecambe who were first to threaten. Gary Deegan was in the right place to clear after Paul Mullin found room for a goalwards attempt, while at the other end, Weston curled disappointingly wide from the edge of the box.

The game became stretched and scrappy as Blues probed fruitlessly. Their efforts weren't aided by More-

cambe's ugly, yet effective, attempts to break up the pattern of play.

Hurst pulled an effort horribly wide after Payne had fashioned the chance, but the crowd were briefly on their feet believing Coulthirst had levelled the score, only for his low drive to go agonisingly wide.

As the rain continued to fall, Morecambe came close to doubling their advantage, Jamie Devitt's centre was met by Redshaw, but Bentley turned aside to keep the Blues in contention.

Deegan struck high and wide after a sustained period of Blues pressure, while Binnom-Williams shot was deflected wide. But Morecambe should have finished the contest when substitute Andy Fleming found himself in the clear but fired wide of the target.

With time running out, Hurst sent over a delicious centre, but no one in a Southend shirt was on hand to benefit, while Bentley produced another smart save to thwart Kevin Ellison.

After the game, Blues boss Phil Brown said: "It was a frustrating day. The chances we had in the first half - we should have won the game."

Brown added: "If you'd said you'd have given me 12 points from 15 then I would have taken that. We lacked a bit of guile and nous today."

Meanwhile, Blues midfielder Kevan Hurst said: "We threw the kitchen sink at them and we've got to finish the chances we've created."

Southend United will look for an immediate return to winning ways when they visit Luton Town in Sky Bet League Two, on Saturday.

**Southend United:** Daniel Bentley, John White, Adam Thompson, Luke Prosser, Myles Weston (David Worrall), Kevan Hurst, Connor Clifford (Will Atkinson), Shaquille Coulthirst, Jack Payne (Lee Barnard), Gary Deegan, Jerome Binnom-Williams. Subs not used: Paul Smith, Mads Ibenfeldt, Jason Williams, Cian Bolger.

**Morecambe:** Barry Roche, Shaun Beeley, Jamie Devitt (Jack Sampson), Alex Kenyon, Mark Hughes, Jack Redshaw, Andrew Wright (Padraig Amond), Kevin Ellison, Paul Mullin (Andy Fleming), Alan Goodall, Andy Parrish. Subs not used: Andreas Arestidou, Ryan Edwards, Ryan Williams, Aaron McGowan.

**Referee:** Andy Woolmer  
**Assistants:** John O'Brien and Stephen Ross  
**Fourth Official:** Lee Venamore  
**Attendance:** 5,284

### Non-league round-up

## Braintree slip up

by Brian Jeeves

BRAINTREE Town let a first half lead slip in their Vanarama Conference Premier Division match at much fancied Gateshead.

In form Jordan Cox gave the Iron the lead just after the half hour mark, but second half strikes from Finnagan, Turnball and Shaw clinched the points for the home side.

And there was little joy in the Conference South for Concord Rangers. The Beach Boys went down by the odd goal in five to Basingstoke Town at the Aspect Arena. Stephen Cawley grabbing a brace for Concord, Bird scoring the winner four minutes into stoppage time after Basingstoke's Enver-Marum had also scored twice.

But it was better news for Chelmsford City who continued their recent revival with a 2-0 win at St Albans City. Michael Cheek and Yado Mambo the men on target for the Claret.

In the Ryman Premier Division, AFC Hornchurch picked up a much needed victory. The Urchins took maximum point with a 2-1 success at Bognor Regis Town. Davis and Peckles-Richards on target for the visitors.

Grays Athletic picked up a useful point from a 2-2 draw at Enfield Town, and it was the same outcome for East Thurrock United in their game at VCD Athletic.

But it wasn't such good news for Canvey Island and Billericay Town. John Sands found the net for the Gulls, but they went down 2-1 against Dulwich Hamlet at the Prospects Stadium, while Town also went down by the odd goal in three, Ricky Sappleton finding the net for the Blues, Metropolitan Police their conquerors.

In the North Division Barkingside were amongst the goals on their trip to Soham Town Rangers. Steven Carvell bagged a hat trick while Calvin Poku and Andy Edmunds were also on target as 'Side ran out 5-1 winners. And Thurrock were also in decent form, thrashing Aveley 4-0 at the Mill Field, and Redbridge saw off Maldon & Tiptree 4-1.

Courtney White and Alex Akrofi (2) were on target for Brentwood Town in their 3-3 thriller with Waltham Abbey, and Great Wakering Rovers picked up a decent point for a goalless visit to Chatham Town.

But it was a bad day for Burnham Ramblers who crashed 5-1 at Leslie Field against Ware, while Romford, 3-1 to Needham Market, and Tilbury, 2-1 to Wroxham, both fell to disappointing home setbacks.

There was a mixed bag of results for our regions teams in the FA Vase. Bowers & Pitsea hammered Haverhill Rovers by four goals to nil, but Ilford crashed 5-0 at Hertford Town. Clapton went down 3-0 at Welwyn Garden City and it was the end of the Wembley dream for Southend Manor who lost by a single goal against Wivenhoe Town at Southchurch Park.

## Canvey come unstuck in home defeat

**Canvey 1 Dulwich Hamlet 2**  
**by Matthew Stanton**

CANVEY suffered their first home loss in over a month on Saturday to Dulwich Hamlet.

The Gulls managed to draw a crowd of over 400 people, despite heavy rainfall, but the home supporters went home disappointed.

Dulwich took the lead after only four minutes when Nyren Clunis saw his shot hit the legs of centre back, John Easterford, and diverted to striker Xavier Vidal who tapped in.

The Gulls could then have been reduced to ten men when Rio Bryan-Edwards misjudged a header which allowed Nyren Clunis a run at goal. However, Clunis stayed on his feet despite a tug and shot wide.

Canvey then started to get back into the game but they missed a number of chances, including a miss from in-form striker, John Sands, at close range.

The Gulls equalised on 69 minutes after a shot from Harrison Chatting had forced Dulwich goalkeeper Oshane Brown to concede a corner diving to his left.

Anthony Thomas' corner was met with a fierce half volley from Sands which flew into the net off the underside of the crossbar.

The visitors were back in front three minutes later when



**STRIKE: Canvey striker, John Sands, goes for goal**  
Photo by Holly Allison

a goalkeeping error gifted the Hamlet a goal.

Ashley Carew struck a free kick from 25 yards which bounced off of the slippery surface and deceived West Ham loanee Tim Brown, slipping through his arms and then his legs before trickling over the line.

Canvey pushed hard for an equaliser and had a good opportunity on 82 minutes.

Substitute Marlon Agyakwa dinked a superb ball into the area towards John Sands, but his acrobatic overhead kick did not connect with the ball.

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## Roundabout upgrade paves way for over 7,000 jobs

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has set out the next steps in its project to upgrade a major junction on the A127.

The £4.7m upgrade of the roundabout on the junction of the A127 and B1013, known locally as the Tesco Roundabout, will support Southend-

on-Sea Borough Council's and Rochford District Council's ambitions to create 7,380 new jobs in the area around London Southend Airport over the next 15 years.

Contractor, Lafarge Tarmac, has been appointed to carry out the work, which involves adding extra lanes onto the roundabout and its approaches. Work

is scheduled to start on 27 October and end in Spring 2015.

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is committed to keeping disruption to residents, businesses and motorists to a minimum. We've produced this feature so that you can see what we are doing and where and when we are working.



**Work starts 27 October**



# Keep traffic flowing and

Earlier this year, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council secured a £3.3m grant from the Department for Transport (DfT)'s Local Pinch Point Fund towards this work. The remainder of the project cost (£1.4m) will be met by Council's capital budget.

Councillor Martin Terry, Executive Councillor for Public Protection, Waste and Transport hailed the plans as "brilliant news for Southend".

He said: "Developing the area around the airport is pivotal in our plans to create valuable jobs and boost the local economy.

"However, for these developments to go ahead, we first need to have the highways infrastructure in place to handle any increase in traffic. It's all about keeping the economy growing and the traffic flowing.

"We listened carefully to local people's views during our public engagement over this junction. This clearly highlighted the improvements people want to see and we've incorporated these into our final design.

"We've already seen the difference that upgrades to the junctions at Progress Road and Cuckoo Corner have made. This further investment by the Council and the Government in our town will help us make Southend a more attractive prospect for residents, visitors and businesses.

## Key features of the plans include:

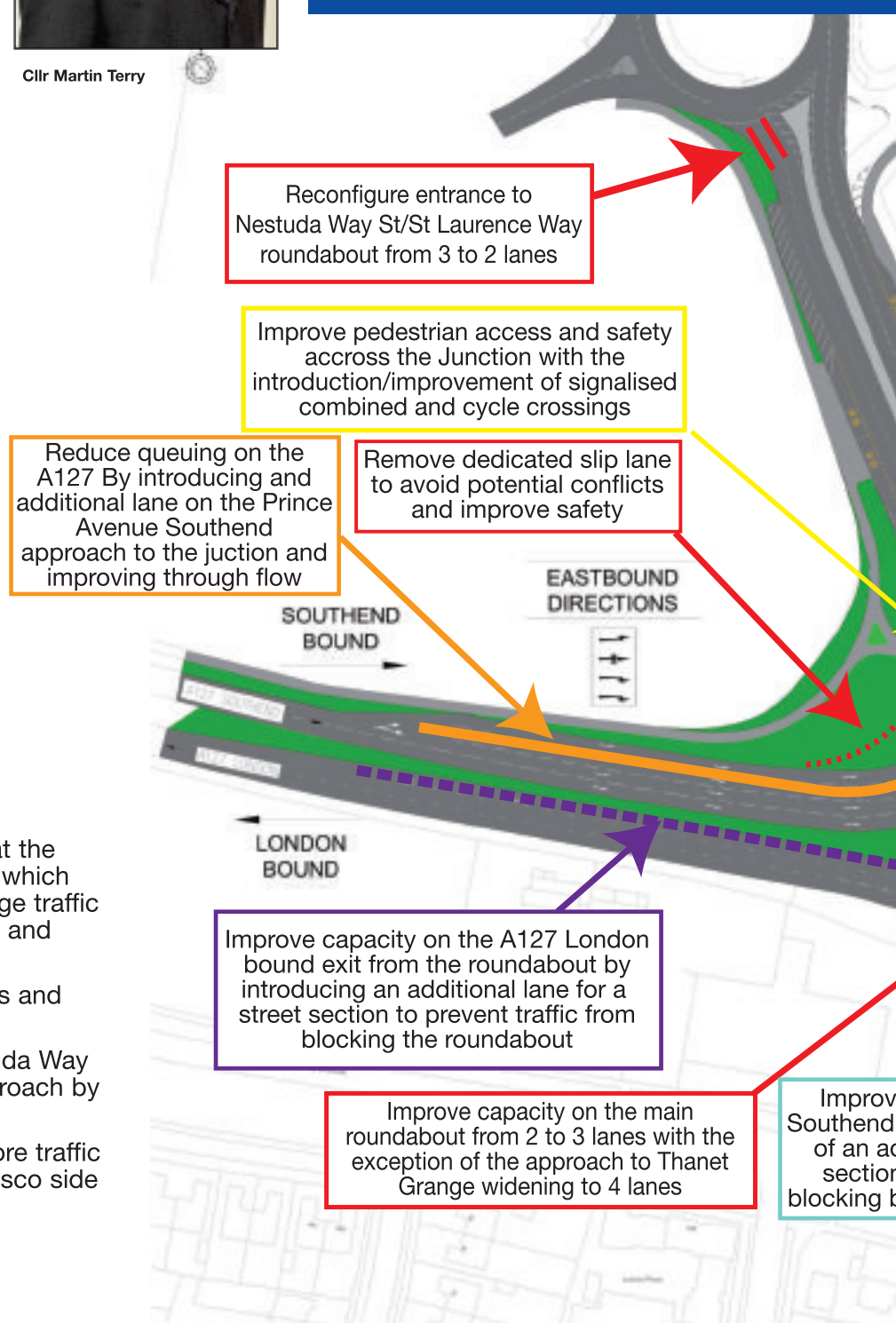
- Extra lanes on the roundabout and its approaches
- The introduction of intelligent traffic-light controls at the roundabout – like those installed at Cuckoo Corner - which will respond to traffic levels at the junction and manage traffic accordingly. Better landscaping, including more trees and attractive planting
- New, safer signalled crossing points for pedestrians and cyclists
- A reconfigured roundabout at the junction of Nestuda Way and St Laurence Way to simplify the northbound approach by removing the separate slip lane.
- The reconfigured junction will be able to handle more traffic and will make it easier for vehicles to exit from the Tesco side of the roundabout (Thanet Grange).



Cllr Martin Terry

## When are we wo

- **Work starts: 27 October 2014** • **Work c**
- There are no planned road closures
- There are no planned lane closures during peak hours
- There are no planned weekend lane closures from to protect Christmas shopping trade





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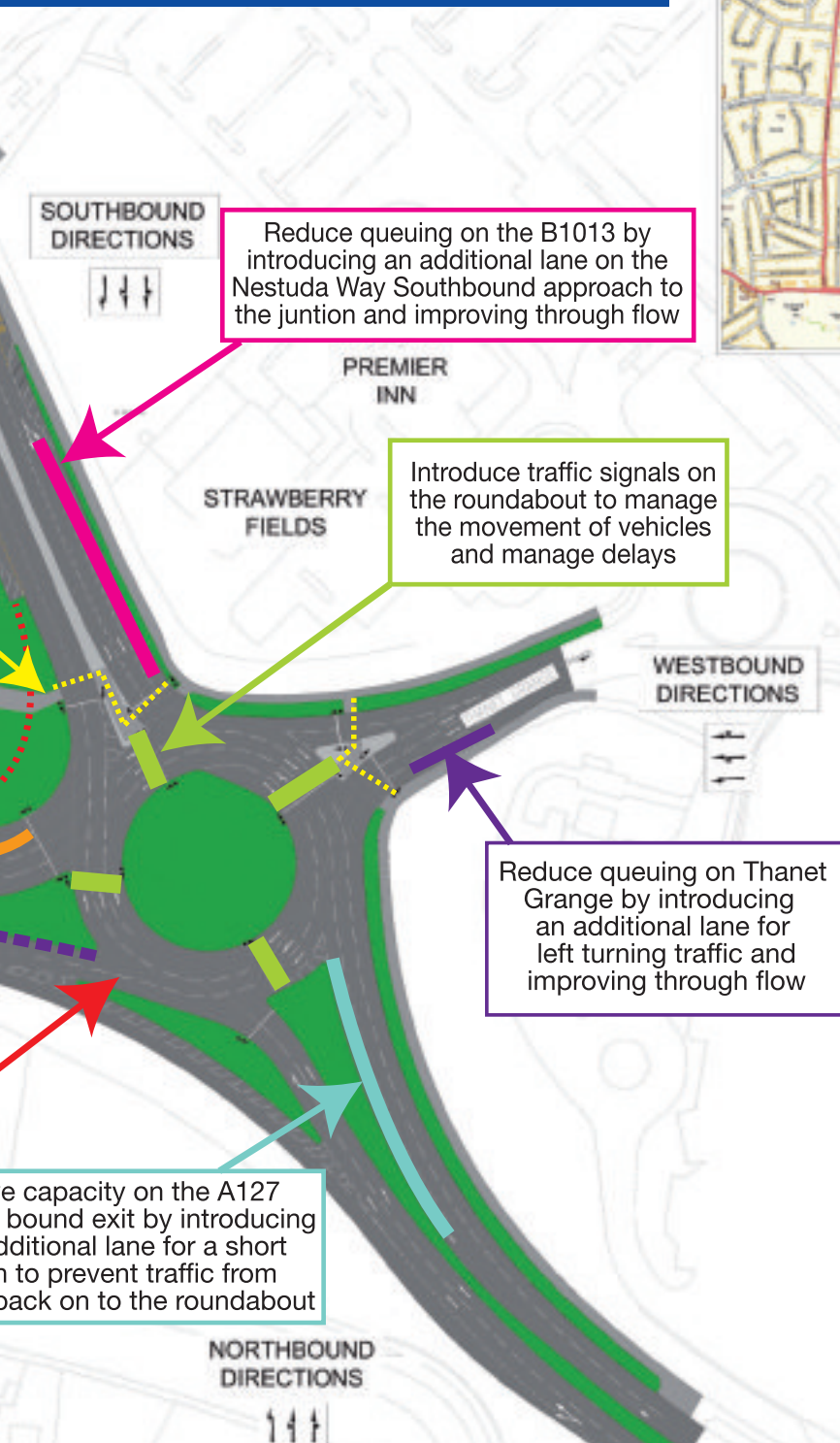
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# What next?

Works to ease traffic on other areas of the A127 are also in the pipeline. Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, along with Essex County Council, have secured over £35m of Central Government funding for the A127 to deliver a number of transport projects along this major approach to the town, helping to boost the local economy.

Once the work at the Tesco Roundabout is complete, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's transport team will look at how improvements at the junctions at Kent Elms and The Bell can be made to reduce congestion and delays.

Key to this for Kent Elms will be measures to extend the right-turn lane, which stacks back at peak times, and replacing the stepped footbridge with a new pedestrian crossing. The latter will help improve access between the two communities either side of the A127 and make the Health Centre far more accessible.

This work will help to keep traffic flowing across the Borough and will make Southend a more attractive prospect for residents, visitors and businesses. Further information about works at the Bell will follow.



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## Keeping in touch

Lafarge Tarmac will keep the local community up to date with progress throughout this project and will have a dedicated Public Liaison Person. Signs near the site will give motorists and residents advance warning of any disruption. Updates can be found at:

- Variable message signs along the A127
- Through Better Southend: [www.bettersouthend.com](http://www.bettersouthend.com)
- Better Southend Twitter Feed: @bettersouthend
- Traffic reports on:
  - Southend Radio (105.1 FM)
  - BBC Essex (95.3 / 103.5FM)
  - Heart (96.3 / 102.6FM).
- The 'Travel News' section of the BBC Essex website at [bbc.co.uk/essex](http://bbc.co.uk/essex)

To find out more about getting around the Borough by alternative means of transport, visit [ideasinmotionsouthend.co.uk](http://ideasinmotionsouthend.co.uk).

## Timeline

**27 October:** Road construction work starts

**Mid-November:** Mid January: No weekend lane closures

**Mid-January:** Weekend lane closures resume

**End March:** Main infrastructure work complete

**From April:** Landscaping complete, contractor leaves site, testing of intelligent traffic signals

